

Remarks

Claims 12-16, 18, 71, and 73-77 are pending. Claim 18 has been amended to depend from claim 12, thereby rendering the objection to claim 18 moot. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

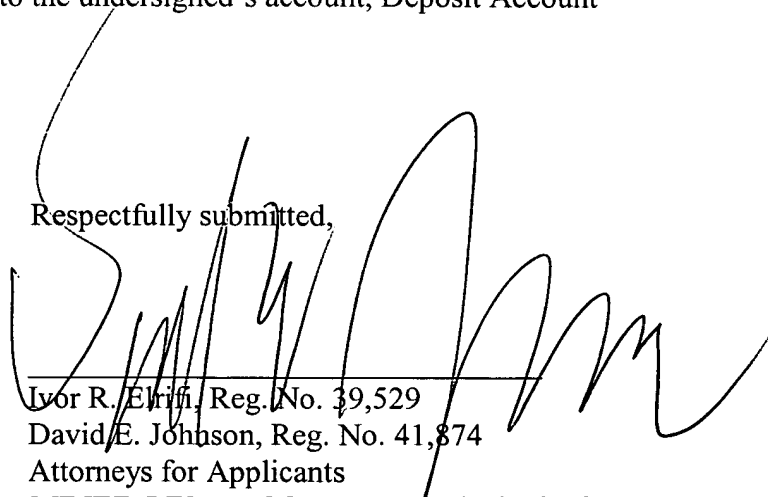
Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claim 18 is rejected as being indefinite. As amended, claim 18 is now directed to the CRF2-12 polypeptide of claim 12, which the Office has found to be allowable. This rejection may now be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If there are any questions regarding this amendment and/or these remarks, the Office is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Although no fees are believed to be due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 22058-532.

Respectfully submitted,



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